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Margaret (“Maggie”) Hanson-Muse arrived in Lima, Peru in August 2004. Previously, Ms. Hanson-Muse supervised the bilateral commercial program in Costa Rica and supported the Nicaragua Commercial Partnership program for the U.S. Embassy in Nicaragua. Ms. Hanson-Muse is a second generation Foreign Service Officer who has previously resided in the Caribbean, West Africa, Latin America and India.

Following a 12-year private sector career, Ms. Hanson-Muse began working as a consultant for the Department of Commerce in Mexico City in 1990 and joined the Commercial Service in 1993. Born in Calcutta, India Ms. Hanson-Muse’s previous assignments include Commercial Attache for Cote d’Ivoire where she also supported the Regional Commercial Counselor, assisting with event planning and advocacy efforts in a 23-country region. In India, she began as the Commercial Attache and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Commercial Counselor where she oversaw the heavy industry sectors, the US-Asian Environmental Partnership, started the regional program and handled the day-to-day administrative operations of one of the largest Commercial Service posts in the world. In Costa Rica, Ms. Hanson-Muse participated in the CAFTA negotiations and also created a high impact “roadshow” that visited 20 U.S. cities to explain the benefits of free trade and trade compliance. In 2004, Ms. Hanson-Muse was awarded the ITA Under Secretary’s Award for Outstanding Professional, the Secretary of Commerce’s Silver Medal Group Award for the successful CAFTA negotiations and a Meritorious Award from the US Department of State for her CAFTA Rural Outreach Program in Costa Rica.

Ms. Hanson-Muse’s private sector experience includes sales, finance and marketing management positions with Sprint, General Electric and Allstate Insurance Company. Ms. Hanson-Muse is a *cum laude* graduate of Brandeis University with a B.A. in Spanish and Latin American Studies. She was conferred a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Marketing and Finance from the Graduate School of Business of Columbia University in New York. Ms. Hanson-Muse is fluent in Spanish and French.